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Subject: RE: Danny Shirley- statement.

In August of 1991 I signed a recording contract with Atlantic Records. I signed the deal as a solo artist & started the first album with the intention of it being released as a solo project. At the time there were several male artists releasing new material so, for marketing reasons, the decision was made to rename the project as a band. The label suggested several different names & I eventually chose the name Confederate Railroad. I was born & raised in Chattanooga, Tn and was living in Kennesaw, Ga at the time. Kennesaw is where the locomotive The General is on display at The Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History. In 1862 the General was hijacked in Kennesaw & recovered just outside of Chattanooga. This was the inspiration for the band being named Confederate Railroad, a connection between where I was raised & where I now live.

Over the 30 or so years since I released that first album the world has definitely changed. We have performed thousands of shows over the years, mostly to family friendly events & only recently has the name of the band come into question. People of different backgrounds, races & political affiliations have attended our shows & have always been welcomed. The name of the band was never intended to be taken as a political or racial statement. Hopefully this will clear up any misconceptions.

Danny Shirley
Confederate Railroad